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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY COLOMBO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE

1. FOR OTTAWA: PLEASE PASS THE TEXT OF FOLLOWING LETTER
FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE. PRIME
MINISTER CURRENTLY ATTENDING COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE.

2. QUOTE: AUGUST 3, 1973: DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER:
YOUR LETTER OF JULY 10 WAS A VERY PERSUASIVE DESCRIPTION
OF SRI LANKA'S URGENT NEED FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE. YOU CAN
BE SURE THAT WE APPRECIATE THE PROBLEMS YOU FACE IN THIS
AREA AND WILL TRY TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS WE CAN. SINCE
WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE A PRECISE ANSWER JUST
YET, I WANT YOU TO HAVE THIS PROMPT EXPLANATION OF HOW
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YOUR GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST IS BEING HANDLED.

YOUR LETTER RECALLS THE FEBRUARY AID GROUP MEETING, AT WHICH THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED OUR HOPE THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DOLS 15-18 MILLION WORTH OF WHEAT FLOUR TO SRI LANKA UNDER TITLE I OF PUBLIC LAW 480. AS YOU KNOW, THE INTERVENING MONTHS HAVE SEEN VERY SERIOUS QUESTIONS OF FOOD AVAILABILITY DEVELOP ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS, GREATLY COMPLICATING OUR TASKS IN MAKING ALLOCATIONS UNDER PL 480.

THESE MATTERS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER VERY ACTIVE EXAMINATION WITHIN OUR GOVERNMENT. OUR AMBASSADOR WILL KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT AS THIS PROCESS CONTINUES. MEANWHILE, YOU MAY BE SURE THAT WE WANT TO BE AS HELPFUL AS WE CAN AND THAT THE POINTS RAISED IN YOUR LETTER WILL BE TAKEN CAREFULLY INTO ACCOUNT.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON.
END QUOTE

3. FOR COLOMBO: ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING POUCHED
FOR TRANSMITTAL TO GSL. ROGERS

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